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### **Chairman Robert Schenck Gathers Public Input on Changes to the State's Medicaid Program**

**Tallahassee, Fla.** – Representative Robert Schenck (R-Spring Hill), Chairman of the House Health and Human Services Committee, invited members of the public today to share their thoughts regarding proposed changes to the state's Medicaid program. Citing higher costs and increased enrollment in the taxpayer funded program, the Health and Human Services Committee is charged with finding ways to reduce costs while ensuring the delivery of quality care for every patient.

"Florida's current Medicaid system is broken, unable to guarantee access or quality of care and is unsustainable. The Medicaid system currently eats up one third of our state's annual budget and its costs continue to rise," said Representative Schenck. "In order to reduce costs and increase the quality of care we need to gather input and leadership from a wide variety of stakeholders; including, doctors, nurses, employees and employers, as well as patients. This first meeting was the first step to reform and I look forward to further discussion and debate."

"The goal of this Committee is to ensure the delivery of quality healthcare in a coordinated and more efficient manner, which in turn will lead to greatly reduced costs," concluded Representative Schenck.

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